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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, January 2, 2013.

Honorable KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: I enclose herewith a semiannual report of the Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 112th Congress in accordance with rule XI of the Rules of House of Representatives and section 136 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended by section 118 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, as amended by Public Law 92-136. This report covers committee activities from June 16, 2012, of the 112th Congress through January 2, 2013.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN,
Chairman.

FOREWORD

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, January 2, 2013.

Under section 2 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 136 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 832, as amended by section 118 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91–510) and Public Law 92–136 (1971)), the Committee on Foreign Affairs is charged with reviewing and studying, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of laws and programs within its jurisdiction.

As part of that oversight, rule XI(1)(d) of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires the committee to submit to the House a semiannual report on committee activities not later than the 30th day after June 1 and December 1 of each year. This report, which covers committee activities from June 16, 2012 through January 2, 2013, has been prepared and submitted in fulfillment of that obligation.

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

I. INTRODUCTION: OVERSIGHT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A. Authorities for Legislative Review

The responsibilities and potentialities of legislative review are reflected in the multiple authorities available to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The most prominent is section 118 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-510):

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Scope of assistance.

In order to assist the Congress in—

(1) Its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of the application, administration, and execution of the laws enacted by the Congress, and

(2) Its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such modifications of or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate, each standing committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of that committee. Such committees may carry out the required analysis, appraisals, and evaluation themselves, or by contract, or may require a Government agency to do so and furnish a report thereon to the Congress. Such committees may rely on such techniques as pilot testing, analysis of costs in compari-

son with benefits, or provision for evaluation after a defined period of time.¹

A second type of authority fostering legislative review is the special oversight granted by the House Committee Reform Amendments of 1974 (H. Res. 988, approved Oct. 8, 1974). Special oversight, which is intended to enable committees to conduct comprehensive oversight of matters directly bearing upon their specified responsibilities even if those matters fall within the jurisdiction of other standing committees, permits an expansion of the legislative review jurisdiction of a committee. The Committee on Foreign Affairs currently has special oversight jurisdiction in four areas under clause 3(f) of House Rule X:

3. (f) The Committee on Foreign Affairs shall review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government activities relating to customs administration, intelligence activities relating to foreign policy, international financial and monetary organizations, and international fishing agreements.

Reporting requirements in legislation frequently obligate various agencies, directly or through the President, to submit reports of certain activities to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to the Speaker of the House, who then transmits them to the committee. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs is the recipient of one of the largest quantities of required reports from the executive branch.

In addition to the authorities noted above, the congressional budget process provides the committee with another important tool for oversight. Pursuant to section 301(c) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974, each standing committee of the House is required to submit to the Committee on the Budget, no later than March 15 of each year, a report containing its views and estimates on the President's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. This requirement affords the committee and its subcommittees the opportunity to review those items in the President's budget which fall under the committee's jurisdiction, and to establish possible guidelines for subsequent action on authorizing legislation. The committee submitted an extensive, 16-page views and estimates letter, along with five additional pages of minority views, to the Committee on the Budget on March 9, 2012.

Finally, the authorization process itself provides the prospect of significant oversight impact, with opportunities for program evaluation as well as the investigation of personnel hiring and promotion practices, agency organization, employee development and benefit programs, policy guidance, and administrative rules and regulations regarding the implementation and execution of policy, among other items.

B. Oversight Developments in the Committee on Foreign Affairs

At the beginning of the 112th Congress, the Rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs also were amended to clearly identify oversight expectations. Committee rule 15 ("Powers and Duties of Subcommittees") now clearly requires regular hearings by each of

¹Section 701 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344) amended the original mandate and authority of the 1970 act by adding the last two sentences regarding program review and evaluation.

the regional subcommittees on priority topics (oversight, national security, human rights, and U.S. economic interests) twice a year. Committee rule 24 (“General Oversight”) now makes clear that the committee or a subcommittee is required to hold at least three hearings a year on waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement as documented in a Government Accountability Office or Inspector General report.

A number of changes were made to enhance the committee’s oversight capabilities. Within the full committee majority staff, a dedicated oversight and investigations team was created to coordinate the committee’s oversight activities and ensure sufficient follow-up on recommendations and findings identified in Government Accountability Office and Inspector General reports. The committee instituted, for the first time ever, an oversight referral process in which the full committee refers specific reports and notifications to the appropriate subcommittees for further action and investigation. Additionally, the committee created a mechanism on the public website of the committee where whistleblowers could provide information to the committee. This new and innovative tool allowed the American public to anonymously report instances of waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement directly to the full committee’s oversight team which has contributed valuable materials to meetings, hearings, and legislation. Whistleblowers alerted the committee regarding a “blame the victim” culture in the management of the Peace Corps with regard to sexual assault, which spurred a committee investigation and led directly to the enactment of serious bipartisan reform legislation for effective changes in Peace Corps policies and practices, the “Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011.”

Following the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2012, on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, the committee sought to conduct vigorous oversight over the U.S. Department of State to prevent a similar crisis from occurring in the future. The committee held classified briefings and two public oversight hearings, and sent a number of letters pressing the administration for answers on the events surrounding the attack. The chairman requested all cables regarding embassy security in Benghazi before, during, and after the September 11th attack and all memoranda establishing security protocols, including agreements with other agencies. The Department of State provided the requested documents which are currently under review by the committee.

C. Oversight Activities and Criteria

The oversight activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs include a variety of instruments and mechanisms—full committee and subcommittee hearings, member and staff study missions abroad, special Congressional Research Service studies, and Government Accountability Office assistance and reports in the field of international relations.

Committee and subcommittee hearings may be conducted for numerous purposes and may simultaneously serve more than one function, i.e., oversight, legislation, or public education. Thus, oversight may exist even when the hearing is not explicitly intended for that purpose. The criteria for determining whether a hearing per-

forms the oversight function were identified by the House Select Committee on Committees in 1973 and are as follows:²

- (1) To review and control unacceptable forms of bureaucratic behavior;
- (2) To ensure that bureaucracy implements the policy objectives of the Congress;
- (3) To analyze national and international problems requiring Federal action; and
- (4) To determine the effectiveness of legislative programs and policies.

These same purposes help to define other committee activity which relates to its legislative review function. It should be noted that not all such activity can be included in this report. Oversight also occurs informally, not only through the formal processes and mechanisms noted above. Informal discussions between committee members and executive branch officials may constitute oversight in certain instances, as may staff examination of agency activity and behavior, and staff consultation with agency personnel apart from the normal hearing process.

In summary, the legislative review activities of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 112th Congress rely on extensive authorities embodied in the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 and reinforced through the authorization process, subsequent legislation, and reporting requirements.

D. Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress

Almost all of the committee's day-to-day activities, including hearings and informal meetings, involve oversight of the administration or afford the committee the opportunity to learn of the impact of the administration's foreign policy on foreign nations or the American people. In fulfillment of clause 1(d)(2) of House Rule XI, the committee's Oversight Plan (submitted under clause 2(d) of House Rule X) was set out in the committee's first Legislative Review and Oversight Activities Report of the 112th Congress (H.Rept. 112-126), filed on June 28, 2011.

II. GENERAL REVIEW ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

A. Executive Branch Reports and Congressional Notifications

Statutory reporting requirements, and the reports submitted in response to them, constitute one of the oldest information systems used by Congress. On every subject Congress covers, required reports offer a way to oversee and review the implementation of legislation by the executive branch.

In the foreign policy field, it is particularly important to ensure that reporting requirements and the resultant reports submitted by the executive branch are an efficient mechanism for supplying Congress with information. Information on domestic problems is often easier to obtain from sources outside the executive branch than information on problems from abroad. Moreover, the executive branch has sometimes attempted to shield its activities in the for-

²U.S. Congress, House. Select Committee on Committees. Committee Reform Amendments of 1974. Report, 93rd Congress, 2d session, March 21, 1974 (H.Rept.No. 93-916, Part II).

eign policy field from public view and treat it as its exclusive domain. The lack of information on foreign policy problems and executive branch activities has been one of the major reasons it has been more difficult for Congress to play its legitimate role in the making of foreign policy, although the Constitution expressly shares such powers between Congress and the President.

For the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the improvement of the system of required reports offers more than tidier housekeeping. It offers another step toward a better supply of information that Congress needs to make foreign policy decisions. Through the careful placing of reporting requirements in legislation, the patient monitoring of the reports submitted by the executive branch in response to the requirements and utilization of the data supplied in them, Congress can improve its capacity for an effective foreign policy role.

Committee staff also conducts a regular and robust review of congressional notifications regarding the proposed obligation or reprogramming of funding for various program activities by our agencies of jurisdiction. During the reporting period, the committee has received 201 notifications from the Department of State and 178 from the United States Agency for International Development.

B. Reference Documents

Periodically the Committee on Foreign Affairs compiles, prints, and distributes official documents which are useful to the membership in exercising the oversight function as well as other responsibilities. These include the Legislation on Foreign Relations. This 5-volume set is prepared under the direction of the staff of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations with the assistance of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. This collection of laws and related materials contains texts referred to by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Foreign Relations Committee, amended to date, and annotated to show pertinent history or cross references. The collection includes all laws concerning foreign relations, codified and in force, treaties in force, as well as executive agreements and orders, State Department regulations and State Department delegations of authorities.

C. Study Missions and Participation in International Conferences and Events

The committee has kept itself informed of the latest developments in foreign affairs. The usual frequent conferences with senior government officials, both civil and military, have been augmented by special study missions to various parts of the world to obtain firsthand knowledge of the problems of foreign countries and the administration of U.S. programs and operations falling within the purview of the committee. Committee members also have been designated to serve as official delegates to a number of international conferences and events.

In addition, members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs participated in the following interparliamentary exchanges during the fourth quarter of the 112th Congress:

- November 9–12, 2012, Annual Plenary Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Prague, Czech Republic.
- November 30–December 1, 2012, 73rd Meeting of the Transatlantic Legislator’s Dialogue in Washington, DC

III. SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

A. Full Committee Markup Summaries (subcommittee markups are listed in section IV, below)

6/27/12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MARKUP SUMMARY

The chair called up the Semiannual Report of the Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 112th Congress, 3rd Quarter, for consideration by the committee. Chairman Ros-Lehtinen’s motion to adopt the report was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 6018 (Ros-Lehtinen), Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2013.

The chair called up the bill for consideration by the committee and H.R. 6018, as introduced, was agreed to by voice vote.

By unanimous consent, H.R. 6018 was ordered favorably reported and the chairman was authorized to seek consideration under suspension of the rules.

9/12/12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MARKUP SUMMARY

H.R. 6313, To promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland.

The chair called up H.R. 6313 and one amendment, Ros-Lehtinen 132, which were considered en bloc.

By unanimous consent, the bill and amendment were agreed to, and the chair was authorized to seek House consideration of H.R. 6313, as amended, under suspension of the rules.

B. Committee Reports Filed

House Report 112–552: Legislative Review and Oversight Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

C. Foreign Affairs Legislation Considered by the House

Because further action on these measures—such as Senate passage and enactment into law—is possible subsequent to the filing of this report, readers should consult the official records from the 112th Congress to determine the final disposition of these measures.

Legislation Passed by the House and Senate

S. 3331 (Kerry)—Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012

S. 2318 (Kerry)—Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act of 2012

S.J.Res. 44 (Kohl)—A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding

Legislation Passed by the House

H.R. 6018 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2013.

H. Res. 786 (Boehner)—Honoring the four United States public servants who died in Libya and condemning the attacks on United States diplomatic facilities in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen.

H. Res. 813 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

H.R. 6649 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2012

H.R. 3159 (Poe)—Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2012

H.R. 1464 (Royce)—North Korean Refugee Adoption Act of 2011

H. Con. Res. 145 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Calling for universal condemnation of the North Korean missile launch of December 12, 2012

H. Res. 134 (Dold)—Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights

H. Res. 193 (Frank)—Calling for the safe and immediate return of Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States

H. Res. 834 (Kelly)—Urging the governments of Europe and the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization and impose sanctions, and urging the President to provide information about Hizballah to the European allies of the United States and to support the Government of Bulgaria in investigating the July 18, 2012, terrorist attack in Burgas

IV. MEETINGS OF THE FULL COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Pursuant to the Oversight Plan set forth in Section I(d), above, the committee and its subcommittees have maintained an ambitious schedule of hearings, briefings, markups, and other meetings during the period covered by this report, as set forth below.

A. Full Committee

July 19, 2012—**Unfair Trading Practices Against the U.S.: Intellectual Property Rights Infringement, Property Expropriation, and other Barriers.** Mr. Grant Aldonas, Managing Director, Split Rock International (former Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade); Derek Scissors, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation; and Mr. David Hirschmann, President and Chief Executive Officer, Global Intellectual Property Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

July 25, 2012—**Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part II: Human Rights Abuses, Torture and Disappearances.** Mr. Jared Genser, Founder, Freedom Now; Ms. Rebiya Kadeer, Uyghur Democracy Leader; Mr. Hai Li, Falun Gong Practitioner; and Mr.

Bhuchung K. Tsering, Vice President, International Campaign for Tibet.

September 12, 2012—**Beijing as an Emerging Power in the South China Sea.** Toshi Yoshihara, Ph.D., Professor, John A. Van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, U.S. Naval War College; Ms. Bonnie Glaser, Senior Fellow, Freeman Chair in China Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Mr. Peter Brookes, Senior Fellow, National Security Affairs, The Heritage Foundation (former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs); and Richard Cronin, Ph.D., Director, Southeast Asia Program Stimson Center.

November 15, 2012—**Benghazi and Beyond: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How to Prevent it from Happening at other Frontline Posts, Part I.** Mr. Michael Courts, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Mr. William Young, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation; James Jay Carafano, Ph.D., Director, Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation; and The Honorable Ronald E. Neumann, President, American Academy of Diplomacy.

November 29, 2012—**Israel's Right to Defend Itself: Implications for Regional Security and U.S. Interests.** The Honorable Elliott Abrams, Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; Ms. Danielle Pletka, Vice President, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute; and Robert Satloff, Ph.D., Executive Director, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

December 20, 2012—**Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board.** The Honorable William J. Burns, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of State; and The Honorable Thomas R. Nides, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, U.S. Department of State.

B. Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights

June 20, 2012—**The African Growth and Opportunity Act: Ensuring Success.** (Jointly held with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.) Mr. Paul Ryberg, President, African Coalition for Trade; Mr. Anthony Carroll, Vice President, Manchester Trade, Ltd.; and Mr. Jaswinder Bedi, Chairman, African Cotton and Textile Industries Federation.

June 29, 2012—**The Tuareg Revolt and the Mali Coup.** The Honorable Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; Mr. Nii Akuetteh, Independent Africa analyst (former Georgetown University Professor of African Affairs); Mr. Rudolph Atallah, Senior Fellow, Michael S. Ansari Center, Atlantic Council; and Mr. Dave Peterson, Senior Director, Africa, National Endowment for Democracy.

July 9, 2012—**Continued Human Rights Attacks on Families in China.** Pastor Bob Fu, Founder and President, ChinaAid Association; Ms. Reggie Littlejohn, Founder and President, Women's Rights Without Frontiers; Mr. Steven Mosher, President, Population Research Institute; Ms. Yanling Guo, Victim of China's popu-

lation control policies; and Mr. T. Kumar, Director of International Advocacy, Amnesty International.

July 10, 2012—**U.S. Policy Toward Nigeria: West Africa's Troubled Titan.** The Honorable Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, President, Christian Association of Nigeria; Darren Kew, Ph.D., Associate Professor, McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Boston; and Mr. Anslem John-Miller, U.S. Representative Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP).

July 17, 2012—**Global Challenges in Diagnosing and Managing Lyme Disease—Closing Knowledge Gaps.** Stephen W. Barthold, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor, Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, Center of Comparative Medicine, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis; Raphael Stricker, M.D., Vice President, International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society; Mark Eshoo, Ph.D., Director, New Technology Development, Abbott; Ms. Patricia Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association; Mr. Evan White, Lyme disease Patient; and Ms. Stella Huyshe-Shires, Chair, Lyme Disease Action.

July 19, 2012—**Poison Harvest: Deadly U.S. Mine Pollution in Peru.** His Excellency Pedro Barreto, Archdiocese of Huanayo, Peru; Fernando Serrano, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health, School of Public Health, St. Louis University; Ms. Rosa Amaro, President, Movement for the Health of La Oroya; and Mr. Keith Slack, Global Program Manager, Oxfam America.

August 1, 2012—**Seeking Freedom for American Trapped in Bolivian Prison.** Mr. Yimy Montaña Villgomez, Attorney for Jacob Ostreicher; Mr. Jerjes Justiniano Atalá, Attorney for Jacob Ostreicher; Ms. Miriam Ungar, Wife of Jacob Ostreicher; Ms. Chaya Gitty Weinberger, Daughter of Jacob Ostreicher; and Mr. Steve Moore, Special Agent, Retired, Federal Bureau of Investigations.

September 12, 2012—**Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party.** (Jointly held with the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.) Damon Noto, M.D., Spokesman, Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting; Gabriel Danovitch, M.D., Professor of Medicine, UCLA Medical School; Charles Lee, M.D., Spokesman and Public Relations Director, Global Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party; and Mr. Ethan Gutmann, Adjunct fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and Author.

September 13, 2012—**Assessing U.S. Policy on Peacekeeping Operations in Africa.** The Honorable Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and The Honorable Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

September 19, 2012—**Examining the Role of Rwanda in the DRC Insurgency.** Bishop Ntambo Nkulu Ntanda, United Methodist Church of North Katanga, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Mr. Mark Schneider, Senior Vice President, International Crisis

Group; and Mr. Jason Stearns, Director, Usalama Project, Rift Valley Institute.

December 11, 2012—**The Devastating Crisis in Eastern Congo.** The Honorable Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. John Prendergast, Co-founder, The Enough Project; Mr. Steve Hege (former Member United Nations Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo); and Mr. Mvemba Dizolele, Peter J. Duignan Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

C. Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific

July 18, 2012—**Markup of H.R. 6040,** To approve the Agreement providing terms for a continuation of the free association between the United States and Palau, and for other purposes.

D. Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia

July 24, 2012—**U.S. Engagement in Central Asia.** The Honorable Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Central and South Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Ross Wilson, Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council; Ariel Cohen, Ph.D., Research Fellow, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, The Heritage Foundation; and The Honorable S. Enders Wimbush, Senior Director for Foreign Policy and Civil Society, The German Marshall Fund of the United States.

December 5, 2012—**Iranian Influence in the South Caucasus and the Surrounding Region.** Ariel Cohen, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, The Heritage Foundation; Michael Rubin, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Brenda Shaffer, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer, University of Haifa, Mr. Alex Vatanka, Adjunct Scholar, Middle East Institute.

E. Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia

June 20, 2012—**Reflections on the Revolution in Egypt, Part II.** Michele Dunne, Ph.D., Director, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council; Jon B. Alterman, Ph.D., Director, Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies; and Mr. David Schenker, Director, Program on Arab Politics, Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

July 10, 2012—**Chronic Kleptocracy: Corruption within the Palestinian Political Establishment.** The Honorable Elliott Abrams, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Affairs; Jonathan Schanzer, Ph.D., Vice President for Research, Foundation for Defense of Democracies; and Mr. Jim Zanotti, Specialist in Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service.

September 20, 2012—**Safeguarding Israel's Security in a Volatile Region.** The Honorable Elliott Abrams, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations; Mr. James Phillips, Senior Research Fellow for Middle Eastern Affairs, The Heritage Foundation; and The Honorable Martin S. Indyk, Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution.

F. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

September 12, 2012—**Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party.** (Jointly held with the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.) Damon Noto, M.D., Spokesman, Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting; Gabriel Danovitch, M.D., Professor of Medicine, UCLA Medical School; Charles Lee, M.D., Spokesman and Public Relations Director, Global Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party; and Mr. Ethan Gutmann, Adjunct fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and Author.

September 13, 2012—**Conditions at Camp Liberty: US and Iraqi Failures.** The Honorable Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Chairman, Stimson Center.

G. Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade

June 20, 2012—**The African Growth and Opportunity Act: Ensuring Success.** (Jointly held with the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.) Mr. Stephen Hayes, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA); Mr. Paul Ryberg, President, African Coalition for Trade; Mr. Anthony Carroll, Vice President, Manchester Trade, Ltd.; and Mr. Jaswinder Bedi, Chairman, African Cotton and Textile Industries Federation.

July 19, 2012—**When Regimes Fall: The Challenge of Securing Lethal Weapons.** The Honorable Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., Chairman, Henry L. Stimson Center (former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs); Steven P. Bucci, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow for Defense and Homeland Security, The Heritage Foundation; and Mr. Leonard S. Spector, Deputy Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies.

August 2, 2012—**The State Department's Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications: Mission, Operations and Impact.** The Honorable Alberto Fernandez, Coordinator, Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, U.S. Department of State.

September 13, 2012—**Combating the Haqqani Terrorist Network.** Ms. Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. Jeffrey Dressler, Senior Research Analyst, Institute for the Study of War; and Ms. Gretchen Peters, Author, Haqqani Network Financing.

H. Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere

November 29, 2012—**Markup of H.R. 1798,** To prevent foreign states that do business, issue securities, or borrow money in the United States, and then fail to satisfy United States court judgments totaling \$100,000,000 or more based on such activities, from inflicting further economic injuries in the United States, from undermining the integrity of United States courts, and from discouraging responsible lending to poor and developing nations by undermining the secondary and primary markets for sovereign debt.

I. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, or Mismanagement Hearings

Pursuant to clause 1(d)(2)(E) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee held the following oversight hearings on waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in government programs within its jurisdiction, including that documented by a Federal Office of the Inspector General or the Comptroller General of the United States:

Full Committee

July 25, 2012—**Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part II: Human Rights Abuses, Torture and Disappearances.** Mr. Jared Genser, Founder, Freedom Now; Ms. Rebiya Kadeer, Uyghur Democracy Leader; Mr. Hai Li, Falun Gong Practitioner; and Mr. Bhuchung K. Tsering, Vice President, International Campaign for Tibet.

November 15, 2012—**Benghazi and Beyond: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How to Prevent it from Happening at other Frontline Posts, Part I.** Mr. Michael Courts, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Mr. William Young, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation; James Jay Carafano, Ph.D., Director, Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation; and The Honorable Ronald E. Neumann, President, American Academy of Diplomacy.

December 20, 2012—**Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board.** The Honorable William J. Burns, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of State; and The Honorable Thomas R. Nides, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, U.S. Department of State.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights

August 1, 2012—**Seeking Freedom for American Trapped in Bolivian Prison.** Mr. Yimy Montaña Villgomez, Attorney for Jacob Ostreicher; Mr. Jerjes Justiniano Atalá, Attorney for Jacob Ostreicher; Ms. Miriam Ungar, Wife of Jacob Ostreicher; Ms. Chaya Gitty Weinberger, Daughter of Jacob Ostreicher; and Mr. Steve Moore, Special Agent, Retired, Federal Bureau of Investigations.

September 13, 2012—**Assessing U.S. Policy on Peacekeeping Operations in Africa.** The Honorable Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and The Honorable Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade

August 2, 2012—**The State Department's Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications: Mission, Operations and Impact.** The Honorable Alberto Fernandez, Coordinator, Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, U.S. Department of State.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

September 13, 2012—**Conditions at Camp Liberty: US and Iraqi Failures.** The Honorable Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Chairman, Stimson Center.

J. Committee-Hosted Dignitary Meetings

Members Roundtable Meeting with Ambassadors from the European Union, Japan, South Korea, and India (September 14, 2012).

APPENDIX

(MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS)

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